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STATE OF MONTANA  
Case Number: AF 09-0688

Clerk of the MT Supreme Ct.  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Re: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

Honorable Members of the Court:

You have called for public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana attorneys. As a pastor, I hereby submit my request that you **reject this rule** for the following reasons:


(1) What some expressions regarding sexual orientation and gender issues accepted by some in the legal system have not been properly exposed to Montana's people for approval.

(2) What an attorney may have by conscience in his heart, and even expressed in public to some, may not necessarily be expressed in his legal work for others. That is certainly very common among defense lawyers.

(3) To my knowledge, this important issue has never been set forth adequately to the public in Montana for their reaction, fulfilling our founding precepts "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Again, with considerable passion, I do urge you strongly to **reject this rule!!!**

Most sincerely,



H. Eugene Eslinger, pastor  
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